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Sitka National Historical Park Local Hiring for Summer Positions & Job Application Open House

Sitka National Historical Park, (January 2, 2015) - Sitka National Historical Park is accepting applications for both park guide and park ranger positions for the summer 2015 season. These full-time, temporary appointments are expected to last from approximately April 20th through the end of September, 2015.

To assist qualified and eligible local hire applicants with understanding the local hire process and how it differs from the National Park Service's USAJobs hiring methods, the park is hosting an open house on Thursday, January 8th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Hiring managers will be onsite to discuss and assist with the various applications.. **NOTE:** Applicants intending to be hired under the Local Hire authority **MUST** use the more simplified Local Hire application available at Sitka National Historical Park.

Duties of park guides and rangers include include researching, developing and presenting guided walks, talks, and tours on the cultural and natural history of Sitka National Historical Park, and on Russian America. Park guides will earn \$14.79/hr and park rangers will earn \$16.55/hr and are entitled to paid holidays, annual and sick leave. These positions may involve weekend work or performance of duties before or after "normal" working hours. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. A driver's license is recommended

Any U.S. citizen who, by reason of having either lived or worked in the Sitka area of consideration, has acquired special knowledge or expertise regarding the natural or cultural resources of the park may apply. The areas considered within Sitka are: Baranof Island, which includes the communities of Sitka and Port

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Alexander, and small communities of a seasonal nature including Little Port Walter, Baranof Warm Springs, Biorka Island and Warm Springs Bay. Applicants will not qualify for this position if they have only lived and worked in the areas considered on a temporary seasonal basis. This level of knowledge would be acquired by having lived or worked in or near the park for at least 12 months, to include all four seasons. Short seasonal residency is not qualifying as this would not provide the level of knowledge or expertise that is gained through experiencing the range of climatic conditions and associated impacts on the resources.

Application packets are available on the door at 103 Monastery Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835 or by contacting the park at 907-747-0110. **All applications must be postmarked or received by January 23rd, 2015.** If the application package is postmarked on the closing date it must be received in this office no later than 7 calendar days after the closing date. Hand delivered applications must be received by close of business on the closing date. Faxed or scanned applications will not be accepted. Veterans' preference applies.

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